



Stitches in the Sand

June 2026

MEETING DATE: June 11th at the Norman P. Murray Center and Zoom at 7:00pm.

Programs

Our Guest Speaker: Karen Bolan

I am a quilter in Santa Rosa, California. I am drawn to the layers of design and expression possible in quilting, and love the learning that comes from experimenting. My designs are out of the box, and integrate a love of geometry, experimentation, interconnection, depth, and texture. My work has been featured in magazines, and exhibited at local and international quilt shows.



I teach and write quilting patterns with an encouraging and engineering-influenced methodological approach. My classes blend lecture, demonstration, and discussion, and include ample hands-on time for students to experience and practice new techniques with individual instruction. I always teach with a focus on fun and skill-building. I carefully and compassionately guide students beyond their comfort zones to new levels of enjoyment, creativity, and skill.

I host international textile tours with Opulent Quilt Journeys. My tours feature a curated combination of textile experiences and important cultural sites, shared with a group of other textile enthusiasts. See where I'm going next!

I am guided by the assurance that making quilts you love adds value to the world. Through both the process and the product, we honor the traditions of quilting, other quilters, and humanity. I share my passion for quilting with the hope that you can experience the thrill of discovery and the satisfaction of creating warm treasures.

If you would like to join us for dinner with the speaker before the guild meeting, RSVP with Norah at (949) 636-2790 no later than Wednesday. Dinner will be at the California Pizza Kitchen on Marguerite Parkway at 4:45 pm.

Upcoming speakers:

July: Members Showcase—Val Hutchins, Mary Kay Fitzpatrick, Patrice Lambourne

August: Verushka Zerate

September: Cyndi McChesney

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BCQG's Board Meeting is held the Third Thursday of the Month via Zoom.

Don't forget to wear your name tag at the meeting!

Need to speak to a board member—Email beachcitiesqg@gmail.com

From the President

May Gray is giving way to June gloom... it can only mean one thing: Summer's here! Kids will be on break soon, and we'll all be wearing flip flops and shorts. Yay! Summer is my favorite season (hence my beach theme for the quilt Donna is working hard putting together.) Speaking of the president's quilt, have you volunteered your house for a quilting bee? I love doing that but sadly am not allowed to work on my own quilt. It's a great way to socialize with your fellow BCQG members and maybe meet a few new friends.

Thank you all for bringing treats for Laurel's hospitality table. Our May meeting was filled with yummy savory and sweet things. Keep up the good work!

I received the following email from Flying Geese member Christine Dickey asking if we'd want to participate in a wonderful event. Please let me know if you'd like to participate and if yes, would you be willing to help us put our booth together?

This is Christine Dickey, member of Flying Geese. I'm a docent at the Bowers Museum and a quilt collector. Bowers Management asked me to help them plan and execute a Quilt Festival for August 16. The hours will be 10 to 4.

We want to involve vendors and Guilds from Orange County, or immediate surrounding cities, to participate.

I have compiled a list of all the sewing machine shops and fabric shops in OC, and provided that to Museum staff.

I am now compiling a list of all of the Quilt Guilds in OC, plus Long Beach. We want to provide the guilds an opportunity to reach out to the community, perhaps attract new members, provide a demonstration that might "hook" an aspiring quilter, and even sell quilts if they want to. Basically, each Guild will be given a table and chairs, no charge for the space. If the Guild wishes to sell items, the Museum will request a percentage of sales. I leave those details to Museum staff.

Our CEO and President, Dr. Sean O'Harrow talked to me last week, and said the Bowers' Quilt show, The American Quilt: Quilts and Commerce is needed in our community, because we as a society need to attract a new generation of sewers, makers and quilters. And we need to nourish the current generations who are passing along their skills and enthusiasm.

Once I have a list of Guilds and people for direct contact at each of them, I will give the list to Andrea Rodriquez, the staff member who is coordinating this event. She will then make contact with your guild (and other guilds) and handle all arrangements.

In addition to the Guild tables we will have:

- 1. A vendor market, inviting all sewing machine shops and fabric shops in OC, plus three "pop-up" shops that sell at shows.*
- 2. Children's activities. Museum Docents will be handling these activities.*
- 3. A speaker series based on the theme: "I have great-grandmother's quilt in my closet and I don't know what to do with it." So far I have four speakers and working on # 5. Speakers will have a table of their own and will interact with the festival guests throughout the day.*
- 4. Storytime for children and adults, featuring the poetry of Jean Ray Laury.*
- 5. Two companies from Tustin and Long Beach that have brick and mortar "labs" where they teach young kids to sew. We really hope they will join this fest!!*

I think this sounds like a great opportunity to get the word out about our fantastic guild. I for one, intend on going to see the exhibit soon, too.

Happy Summer!

Laura Chambers
2025-26 President

May Meeting Photos



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Philanthropy News

155 quilts were donated this month to the following: American Legion, CHOC, Presbyterian Church of the Masters, Showers of Appreciation, person in need, Royal Family Summer Camp, Royal Therapeutic Treatment Center, UCI Oncology (Orange and Irvine), United Cerebral Palsy, Vets in Hospice, and Village of Hope. 714 Pillowcases went to CHOC - MV, Kaiser Psych Program, Priority Center, Project Foster, Royal Family Summer Camp, Royal Therapeutic Center, Village of Hope and Vitas Hospice. 90 other items including fleece wraps, personal pouches, placemats, and toys were donated.

Our next sew day will be held on **June 1**. We meet at The Presbyterian Church of the Masters, 26051 Marguerite Pkwy, Mission Viejo. (corner of Marguerite and Oso). We set up at 9:00 and get under way around 10:00. Show and tell is at 11:00 and we usually start clean up around 2:30. Help is always appreciated for set up and take down.

Bring your sewing machine to work on kits made up for quilts, NICU blankets and pillowcases. Batting is provided for quilts donated to Philanthropy. We also have Irons, ironing boards, mats and cutting supplies for your use.

Ways and Means

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

You make the Fabric Sale a Success!

This month, the beginning of summer,
we are featuring Summer themes, Hawaii, Red and White and Blue
and anything SUMMER.

And, the wool was a huge hit, and Marion has volunteered
to wrap a few more bundles, THANK YOU, MARION!

See you at the Fabric Sale Tables!

Julie Kemmerer and Marti Ryncarz



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No Rules Challenge



NO RULES CHALLENGE

Time to honor the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence by creating a quilt or any other fabric item. While it must include an iota of red or white or blue, there are no size restrictions. It can be a coaster to a huge quilt. Contact Juan Garcia if you want help making a red, white, or blue Teddy Bear. If seasonal decorating isn't what you do, consider making a quilt to support camp Pendleton. You could make a baby quilt for the baby showers that we support at Camp Pendleton. Also, Dana Point Yacht Club hosts a luncheon for Marines who cannot return home for the holidays. Their goal is to give each Marine a quilt. These quilts must be huge lap or twin size quilts. Feel free to put on a label honoring a family member who served our country. Can these quilts be political? Of course...all points of view are welcome! These will be shown at the July meeting. Call Elaine Pappas Puckett to sign up.

New Member Gathering

The Welcoming Committee will be hosting a new member gathering on **Saturday, June 13th, 10am - 12:30pm**. Invitations will be sent by email soon to members who joined within the past year. If you joined earlier but missed previous new member events, you are also warmly welcome to join us this year. Please reach out to Catherine Huebscher @ imhuesch@att.net.



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Workshops

JUNE WORKSHOP

Karen Bolan's Piece Curves and Play with Transparency

Date: June 12, 2026

Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (doors open at 9:30 am)

Location: Murray Center, Juniper Room

Are you intimidated by curves but love precision piecing? Make the Cool as a Cactus quilt in class, featuring pieced curves, a unique border treatment, and color palette that features transparency. Class will begin with an exercise in creating transparency effects, then we work from paper templates to accurately cut and piece large diameter curves. Students must purchase the digital pattern. Leave class with at least one block and border complete.



Students will learn to cut and precisely piece large-diameter curves from templates, assemble a quilt top with pieced borders, and plan a color palette that includes a transparency effect. This is a six-hour class with instructive lecture, demonstration, discussion, and ample time for practice and personal attention.

Registration is open. Email Janet Crothers (crothers10@hotmail.com) to register or register online.

Workshop fee is \$35 for members. Non-members are welcome to register via email as of May 11 and the fee is \$35.

[Use this link to sign up online](#)

AUGUST WORKSHOP



Veruschka Zarate's "Capturing Memories" Workshop

Date: August 14, 2026

Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (doors open at 9:30 am)

Location: Murray Center, Juniper Room

Explore the art of storytelling through fabric in this immersive landscape quilt workshop, where Foundation Paper Piecing (FPP) takes center stage.

This class guides students through every essential element of creating a high-detail quilt—from managing bold, large-scale sections to precision-driven micro piecing—all while working within the thoughtful constraints of a limited color palette. You'll learn how to balance color value, simplify complex forms into angular templates, and achieve clarity and depth using minimal hues.

Whether you're navigating sweeping skies or intricate architectural elements, this class equips you with the technical tools and creative strategies needed to bring expressive, layered landscapes to life through paper piecing.

This Workshop focuses on One of the Landscapes blocks within this series.

The California Coast pattern is \$20; finished quilt is 27 X 27

Registration is open. Email Janet Crothers (crothers10@hotmail.com) to register or register online.

Workshop fee is \$35 for members. Non-members are welcome to register via email as of July 14 and the fee is \$35. [Use this link to sign up online](#)

Workshop Recap

The workshop with Jenny Lyon was a great success, students learned her techniques for using appliqué and free motion quilting to create a fun version of the Julianne Pillow. This involved selecting interesting sections of fabric to cut out and use to create a new image on the pillow.



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Monthly Mini



Congratulations to Norah Dopudja, the lucky winner of our May Monthly Mini Raffle. Norah took home a stunning crossbody bag, beautifully made and generously donated by Catherine Huebscher. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Catherine for sharing her talent, creativity, and generosity with the guild. As we look ahead, our June Monthly Mini Raffle is right around the corner, and this month's prize is sure to draw plenty of excitement. Members will have the chance to win a framed embroidered art piece, created by the talented Hoopers Machine Embroidery Friendship Group. This unique Embroidered Heart design is a true one-of-a-kind treasure.

Raffle tickets will be available at the following prices:

- Single Ticket — \$1
- Six Tickets — \$5
- Thirteen Tickets — \$10

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Block Party

Block party is an excellent way to ease into learning quilting as we build our houses.

Block party is a great first step into BCQG participation for NEW Members

Block Party will support Philanthropy by accepting any practice house blocks you make that don't make it into your neighborhood.

Block party supports the July NO Rules challenge. If you just aren't feeling overly creative but want to participate, make a Red White and Blue house of your choice. I promise I will put them together make some beautiful quilts for philanthropy

Just think if we could send out into the world 4 or 5 quilts. Chills!

Free pattern is on the website

Orphan block challenge continues. Thanks to everyone who donates. You inspire me to use your gifts, passing them back out to their forever homes.

Your generosity is appreciated.

Since October the Orphan Project has donated 108 quilts, jackets, vests, table runners and placemats. Again, thank you. Keep up the great donations

Let me know you are participating

Sharon Farley

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Friendship Circles

Friendship groups are starting. Thanks to all those that either emailed, text, called or stopped by the table. Its fun seeing the energy.

We have formed 3 new friendship groups - please let me know if you are interested in any of these as there are a few more spaces left

- 1) Beach area (Huntington/Newport beach area group)
- 2) Casta Del Sol
- 3) Mixed media related group (will still sew and quilt, just add other variety)

Again, if your current friendship group has a few available spots, please let me know and we can figure out how to accommodate you.

Thanks again

Judi Nagel

Show and Tell from May



Things to Do

The American Quilt: Cloth and Commerce

The Bowers Museum in Santa Ana is having an exhibition of American quilts from their own collection. The exhibit opens May 23rd and ends August 30th, 2026. Admission is \$18 for younger guests and \$15 for those over 62. They are open Tuesday through Sunday.

**COME ONE,
COME ALL!**

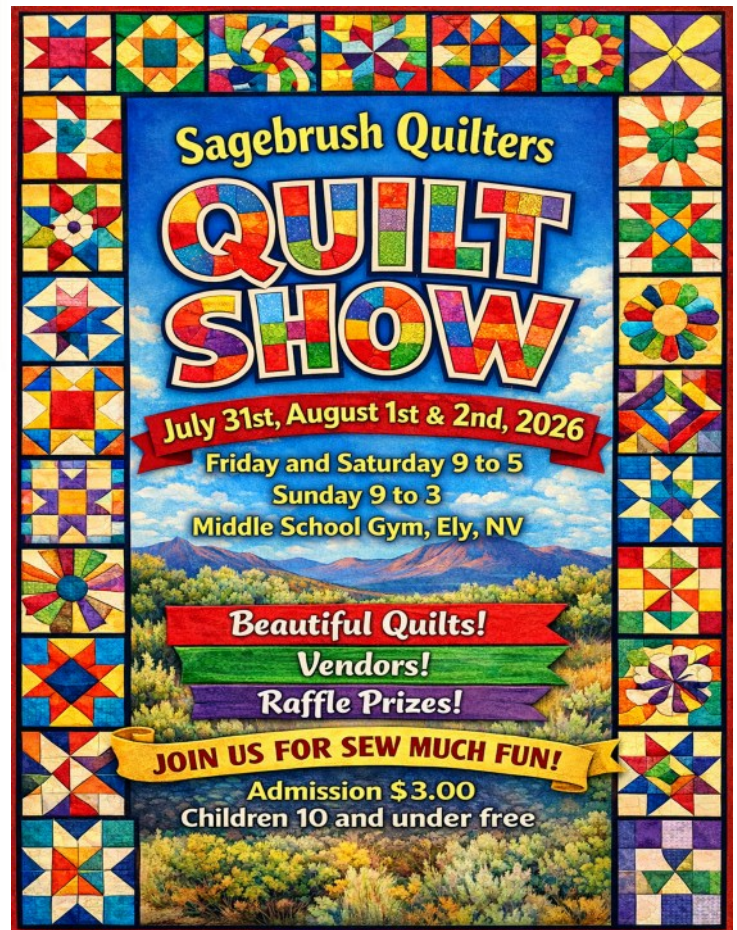
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Classified Ads

For Sale: Grace Company Q'nique 16X Tabletop Longarm Quilting Machine.

I bought this beauty in May 2025 thinking, "I'm going to be a quilting goddess! Straight lines, fancy feathers, the works!" Fast-forward to now: 54,517 stitches total... and only 2 actual hours of quilting.

The rest? Mostly me staring at it, whispering "you're too powerful for me," and "It isn't you, it's me!"

Comes with the Cutie 50-inch tabletop frame and all the original accessories.

Machine is in excellent condition (because it barely got used—shocker).

Basically new, barely broken in, and already tired of my drama.

Asking \$3,000

Contact Cathy Kelley at 949-468-6319

Save this poor neglected longarm from a life of being a very expensive coat rack.

It deserves better. (And honestly, so does my tiny sewing room.)



Classified Ads

My name is Margery Williams. I am a member of BCQG. I have a question about the newsletter. I am downsizing. I have 3 Anchor/DMC thread cabinets

Set of 3 Anchor/Thread and Bead Cabinets. Organize all of your threads and beads in these “Hard to Find” Anchor Thread Metal Cabinets. Super for organizing your threads, beads, scissors, accessories and needles. *These are for local pick-up only unless other shipping arrangements are made by the buyer prior to invoicing. These are priced as a set (3 cabinets).

Two cabinets have 5 Drawers - (Blue labeled drawer unit). Information for one cabinet = 14” High X 22.5” wide, 14” deep from front to back. Inside height of each drawer is 1 3/4” deep. Cabinet #1 has 5 Drawers with plastic inserts made to fit the size of embroidery floss. 20 slots per liner.

Cabinet #2 (Blue label) has 5 Drawers, 4 Drawers with plastic inserts made to fit the size of embroidery floss and one drawer with no liner. I use these for my tubes, hanks and strands of seed beads and embellishments.

Cabinet #3 (Dark Pink label) has 6 drawers - 14” High X 22.5” Wide, 14” Deep from front to back. Inside height of each drawer is 1 3/4” deep. 4 drawers have liners with 7 slots per liner (for pearl cotton). 2 drawers do not have a liner. All liners in all of the drawers are removable and interchangeable.

The cabinets are large, heavy and very sturdy. The condition is good with reasonable wear for the age of cabinets. One cabinet had chipped off paint and a few spots of rust that has been sanded and painted. These were available to retail shops that purchased the complete assortment of thread style. They were not sold separately without thread. They are no longer available.

The three stacked cabinets measure 44” High.

Cost \$220

Please contact [Margery Williams](#)

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Membership Form



BEACH CITIES QUILTERS GUILD MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

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- BCQG is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to provide a creative atmosphere, to share knowledge of methods and techniques, and to encourage each member's growth and talent in the field of quilt making and related subjects.
- Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Norman P. Murray Center, 24932 Veteran's Way, Mission Viejo.
- Social time begins at 6:30 pm with the General Meeting & Program from 7:00 pm to approximately 9:00 pm.
- Dues are payable prior to the start of each membership year, annually from October 1 through September 30.
- Please bring this completed form and your dues (check payable to BCQG) to the Membership Table at the General meeting or mail it to:

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Check Box to indicate that you have questions and/or would like to be put in contact with other guild members.